



## Tri-Party Agreement

## RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE FOR MILESTONE M-44-00

In accordance with the requirements established by the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) Partnering effort, the State of Washington Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Department of Energy (the parties) have concluded negotiations and commitments for Resolution of Dispute of Milestone M-44-00. A tentative agreement has been reached and a package of the changes to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Agreement) has been developed and found mutually acceptable to the parties. These changes are attached to the Resolution of Dispute.

It is the parties' intent to submit this package of changes to the Tri-Party Agreement for a 45 day public comment period to run from approximately August 1, 1997, to September 15, 1997. Specific public comment period dates will be coordinated to ensure Hanford Advisory Board opportunity for review and comment. Final approval of changes to the Agreement is expected to occur by October 15, 1997. Following successful resolution of any resulting public comments, a response to comments document will be issued.

Contingent upon final approval of the tentative agreement by the Signatories, and consideration and resolution of any resulting public comments, it is the parties' intent to approve these changes and incorporate them into the Agreement.

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